

"SUFFS" TO CONTINUE WORK OF PICKETING

Will Not Quit Because of War Crisis, Says Miss Alice Paul.

In response to statements appearing in several New York papers that the suffragist pickets at the White House were going to relinquish their job because of the war crisis, Miss Alice Paul, national chairman of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, emphatically denies this. She says:

"We are continuing to stand guard at the White House gates to bear testimony to the government and to the whole country that women demand that they be consulted before any action affecting their lives is undertaken by the government."

"We shall push with renewed vigor our plans for our national convention in Washington in March. We are sending an urgent call to our members in every State to join in a great delegation to the President on March 4 to place before him our insistent demand that no action on war or on any other measure be taken without the consent of women."

"Now, above all times, must women hold aloft the banner calling for full political liberty for all women."

ATTACK "DRY" FORCES AS COWARDLY FANATICS

Members of Congress Assail Prohibition at Liquor Dealers' Banquet.

Four members of Congress and numerous other speakers took up the cudgels on behalf of self-government for the people of Washington in trenchant speeches at the banquet of the National Retail Liquor Dealers' Association at the National Hotel last night. Members of Congress who denied Washingtonians the right to say what legislation shall be foisted upon them were assailed by their colleagues in bitter terms and accusations of cowardice were freely used by several of the speakers.

None of the speakers believed national prohibition would come to pass as an amendment to the constitution, but some were less sanguine in discussing the case of the District. It was predicted that only by impressing upon members what was termed the illegality of the Sheppard bill could prohibition be staved off at the present session. Practically every speaker favored regulation rather than prohibition, and if prohibition must come, adequate compensation for the business interests despoiled.

A noticeable feature of the banquet was the absence of liquor of any kind. Great quantities of bottled water were furnished to quench the thirst of the diners, of whom a large number were women. Even Mr. Bryan never gave a "dryer" dinner.

William D. Barry, of Washington, opened the evening as toastmaster, and gave the gavel to Representative M. F. Farley, of New York. Mr. Farley made a plea for a referendum for the District and introduced Neil Bonner, of Philadelphia, retiring president of the National Association of American Legislators, who was elected president, and then the guests of honor. Representative A. J. Sabath, of Missouri, was the first and was followed by Representative William J. Gordon, of Cleveland, Ohio; Representative Thomas Gallagher, of Chicago, Ill.; and Representative L. E. Dyer, of St. Louis, Mo.

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BATTERY B RETURNS TIRED OF SOLDIERING

"Never Again," Say Militiamen of Pick and Shovel Drilling.

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problematic. All are hoping that it will be a question of days. The shaping, however, rests largely upon the matter of events in the present German crisis. But there is balm in Gilead. It is expected that the iron discipline now being exercised will be relaxed today, and the men will be given passes which will allow them to leave camp almost at will and "get acquainted" with their families again.

All Return but Thirteen.

All but thirteen of the 133 men who left Washington seven months ago came back last night. All were sunburned and peevish. All declared that while they "might not know a great deal about soldiering, they could easily qualify anywhere in the world as day laborers."

According to a majority of the battery-men the daily life on the border consisted of about three hours of drill and five hours of "fatigue" duty with a pick and shovel. Practically every one of them, when asked, if at the end of his present term, he would enlist again, replied with words not fit to print, the substance of which, however, was "never again."

Of the thirteen left behind, ten got positions in Arizona, were discharged, and mustered out there. Two were left in the guard house, awaiting trial by court martial, and one is in an asylum, held over for examination as to his sanity.

According to Capt. Wilson the men of the Battery were the personification of health during their entire stay on the border. Only two of them were seriously ill. These had appendicitis. Both were operated on successfully.

Enthusiasm Lacking.

But of all the homecomers, not one, from commissioned officer down to the enlisted man, were enthusiastic about the service.

"The chief thing—in fact the only thing—we had to fight was homesickness," said one of them. "There wasn't a thing in the world to do, day after day, but drill, drill, drill and then use a pick and shovel digging latrines, or something of that sort. The men got up a song about it. It ran:

"Goodbye Captain, I must leave you
"Yes, must leave you pretty quick
"For I'll be— if I can soldier
"With a shovel and a pick."

"And honestly, I don't blame them a great deal!"

Capt. Wilson paid high tribute to his men. Discipline, he said, was necessary in any military organization, was not needed at any time during the border stay, he said.

The men, returning the compliment, paid glowing tribute to Capt. Wilson. "If he hadn't begun to drill us," said one of them, "he wouldn't have had any battery to bring back. We all would have deserted."

Trip Uneventful.

The trip home from Douglas was uneventful, according to the men. Also, it was deadly monotonous. The Battery returned February 2—thereby just missing the order issued by the War Department on February 1, revoking the "home summer" for six days, the tourist sleepers which housed the men sped toward Washington, stopping only at Houston, Tex., Mobile, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga. At Houston there was a lay-over from 9:30 in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. There the men were all given leave and were allowed to follow their own inclinations.

But at Mobile and Atlanta the stops were brief—only about an hour in each place. As a result discipline was rigid. The men were allowed to get off the train and stretch their legs, but only under the supervision of an officer.

Today, probably, discipline will again be relaxed as it was at Douglas, and the men will all be excused from duty and allowed to come into the city until "retreat"—the lowering of the colors—which takes place at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. After that, probably, the "home summer" until reviville, at 6:30 tomorrow morning.

The men probably will have to remain technically in barracks, however, until muster-out orders come from Gen. Leonard Wood, who is now at New York.

FEAR GRAVE RESULTS
FROM HOLDING GERARD

President Pledges Safety to German Property Should War Come.

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and the administration will not under any circumstances take a step which would give Germany ground for taking offense.

With all eyes on the war zone last night, it was authoritatively stated that the sinking of the California had not yet developed into an "over act" within the requirements laid down by the President as to "American lives and American ships." It was stated, however, that Ambassador Page and Consul Frost at Queenstown have been ordered to make same attitude.

Neutral Stand Aloof.

The administration last night practically abandoned hope of securing the cooperation of other neutral governments in breaking off relations with Germany. A copy of the reply of the Spanish government to the German submarine warfare declaration was received at the Department. It was a formal, dignified protest against the new war declarations which it characterized as "outside the principles of international law." Communications received informally from other neutrals indicated that they will take the same attitude.

Announcement as to the status of relations with Austria was still withheld yesterday. It was stated that the note of Austria endorsing the German submarine declaration would not be made public pending the receipt of further advice from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna.

Not a Single Smashup
at Chauffeurs' Ball

Piloting a dancing partner through a crowded ball room was a simple task for the members of the Professional Chauffeurs' Association, who held their first annual ball at the Arcade, Fourteenth Street and Park Road, last night.

The auto pilots had a distinguished and attractive gathering of feminine guests and preceding the dancing listened to a concert program and witnessed a number of exhibitions from experts in the art of terpsichore.

The floor was in charge of Norman H. Stinchcomb, assisted by a committee comprising Alden V. Barry, Noel Rosasco, George Talburt, Russell Bonner, George Trudie, Bruce Blatz, Joseph Burkhardt, Patrick Murphy, George Longstreet, Philly Karr, Robert Pilgrim, S. W. Arner, and Carol Burke.

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ARTISTIC WASHINGTON
DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Secretary of War and Other Officials
Speak on Capital City.

"The City of Washington as an Artistic Composition," was the subject discussed at a meeting held last night at 8 o'clock at the Central High School under the auspices of the Washington Society of Fine Arts.

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, Col. W. W. Harts, Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, and District Commissioner Oliver P. Newman spoke on Washington as it was, as it is at present, and the prospects for the future.

Secretary Baker spoke of the difference between cities in the United States and cities abroad. He said no people in the world live as freely as the American people. "The building of cities is really the building of the men and the women who live in them," he continued.

The way to suppress common wrongs committed in the cities is not through the making of laws for the punishment of the offenders, but by the building up better environments and surroundings.

Col. W. W. Harts used stereoscopic slides to illustrate his talk on the prospects for the future for the city of Washington.

He said the Capital was the only city of all capitals of the world that started with a plan. Other cities started around villages, hamlets, or gathering points of trade and gradually grew into large settlements and finally into cities. Interest in Washington according to Col. Harts, is increasing throughout the country. He created laughter and applause when he said that Washington is the only city in the country that has ever been protected by Congress from its own citizens.

Commissioner Oliver P. Newman spoke upon municipal service. Mr. H. H. Freeman, organist of St. John's Church, rendered several organ solos on the large new pipe organ in the auditorium.

SAYS POSTAL SAVINGS
ARE GROWING IN FAVOR

Postal savings are destined to become the most popular method of conserving money with the nation, in the opinion of Charles H. Fallaway, assistant director of the Postal Savings system, expressed in a lecture before the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Banking last night.

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